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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN DELEGATION TRAVELLING TO US TO RECRUIT TEACHERS

1. ALGERIAN MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MHESR) TODAY INFORMED EMBASSY IN WRITING OF ITS PLANS TO SEND FOUR OF ITS SENIOR OFFICIALS TO U.S. BEGINNING FEBRUARY 10 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ASSOCIATIONS ON RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS FOR ALGERIAN UNIVERSITIES.

2. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE:

--MOURAD BENACHENHOU, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MHESR (AND FY-76 I.V. GRANTEE);

--BENALI BENZAGHOU, RECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY OF ALGIERS;

--ABDELKRIM RAMTANI, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PERSONNEL, MHESR;

--ABDELHALIM HAMMAT, DIRECTOR, FOREIGN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF ALGERIERS (PROABLY MEANT TO ACT AS INTERPRETER).

3. IN FOLLOWUP CALLS, PAO LEARNED THAT "ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE", THAT MAJOR PURPOSE OF TRIP IS INDEED TO EXPLORE DIRECT CONTRACTUAL HIRING OF AMERICAN COLLEGE TEACHERS IN FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AND PERHAPS UNCLASSIFIED

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TOEFL/AMERICAN CIVILIZATION), THAT DELEGATION PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 10, THAT ITS ONLY SUBSTANTIVE APPOINTMENT IS WITH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND LAND GRANT COLLEGES (NASULGC), AND THAT IT IS GOING TO CANADA AFTER U.S.

4. IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT ALGERIANS ARE

WILLING TO CONTRACT FOR AMERICAN ACADEMIC TALENT DIRECTLY (ESPECIALLY AS USG EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE RESOURCES SHRINK), AND WE HAVE STRONG INTEREST IN ENSURING SUCCESS OF MHESR DELEGATION'S VISIT. ALTHOUGH LACK OF ADVANCE NOTICE MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OFFER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE (NOR IS THERE ANY INDICATION MHESR WISHES ANY), WE DO URGE CU TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ALGERIAN EMBASSY AND NASULGC TO OFFER APPROPRIATE HELP. PAO HAS GIVEN BENACHENHOU MARSHALL BERG'S NAME AND OFFICE TELEPHONE FOR USE IN CASE OF NEED.

5. WHILE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION, WE SHOULD ALSO BE SURE THAT U.S. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH ALGERIANS WILL BE DEALING ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS -- I.E., THOSE WHICH WILL MINIMIZE IN-COUNTRY PROBLEMS WITH AMERICAN TEACHERS HIRED TO WORK HERE. SOME OF QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ASKED ARE:  
WHAT KIND OF HOUSING WILL BE OFFERED? WILL TEACHERS HAVE TO LEAVE ALGERIA EVERY FEW MONTHS TO RENEW THEIR VISAS? WILL THEY BE ABLE TO REGISTER THEIR POVS IN THE CT (COOPERANT TECHNIQUE) SERIES OR WILL THEY HAVE TO DRIVE OUT EVERY SIX MONTHS TO RENEW THEIR TOURIST REGISTRATIONS? WHAT TRAVEL AND EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES WILL DEPENDENTS RECEIVE? WILL SALARIES BE PAID INTO TRANSFERRABLE ACCOUNTS? WILL ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR ACCESS TO ADEQUATE MEDICAL FACILITIES? WILL TEACHERS HIRED HAVE THEIR U.S. DIPLOMAS RECOGNIZED AT PROPER LEVEL OF EQUIVALENCY?

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6. IN SHORT, WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT, BUT WE SHOULD ALSO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS HIS EYES OPEN.LYNE

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